

The Hongkong Telegraph.

N°. 2499.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1890.

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FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1889. [9]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$7,500,000.
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G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1890. [18]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from the Works on Stone Cutters' Island, during the period 5th to 31st instant, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. daily (Sunday excepted), the line of fire will be in a South-Westerly direction from the Works.

All Ships, Junks, and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command, G. E. NOBLE,
W. M. DEANE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 5th March, 1890. [18]

Intimations.

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED

CASSELL'S Year Book Medical Treatment, Grover's Railway Bridges Culverts, &c. Handy Book Stars. Atlas of Anatomy. Lee's Merchant Shipping Act. Laws of Shipping. King of Road Bicycle Lamp. Violin Guitar and Banjo Strings. Banjos, Guitars and Old Violins. Chess Draughts, Dominos.

Footballs, Boxing Gloves. Match Cricket Balls. Youths Cricket Balls. New Game, Revers. New Artists' Materials, Oil Colours. Water Colours Salle and Hog Hair Brushes. Robertson's Medium. Vulcanite Set Squares. Engineers Paper Scales.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL

Hongkong, 19th March, 1890. [156]

ROBERT LANG & CO.,

TAILORS, HATTERS, SHIRTMAKERS, AND GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTERS.

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Ulsters & Inverness CAPES. Chesterfield & Cover COATS.

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RIDING BREECHES.

Ladies' HABITS.

" JACKETS.

" ULSTERS.

New FELT HATS (latest styles).

DRAB SHELL HATS.

Single & Double TERAI HATS.

BOOTS and SHOES.

Gent's DRESS SHIRTS.

UNDERCLOTHING.

Travelling RUGS & MAUDS.

GLADSTONE BAGS.

FORTMANTEAUS, &c. &c.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1890. [159]

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ALE AND STOUT MERCHANTS.

ESTD. 1864.

CALDBECK,
MACGREGOR & CO.,
HONGKONG
AND
SHANGHAI.

Hongkong, 18, Queen's Road,
24th March, 1890. [169]

5000 JAPANESE LANTERNS.

AT LOW RATES.

TO CLEAR CONSIGNMENTS.

W. POWELL & CO.

Victoria Exchange;
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1890

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FOR SALE.

CRICKET BATS, BALLS, STUMPS, GLOVES, &c.

BLACK GUT TENNIS BATS.

BILLIARD CUES, BALLS, POCKETS, RESTS, SPOTS, &c.

CHAMPION BILLIARD CUES.

QUOITS, SINGLE STICKS, FOILS, BOXING GLOVES,

DUMB BELLS, FOOTBALLS, BOWLS,

RUNNING SHOES AND DRAWERS,

CHEAP HACK SADDLES & SADDLERY of all kinds.

PLAYING CARDS, GAME MARKERS, DRAUGHTS, REVERSI, CHESS,

BACKGAMMON, DOMINOES, DICE, and a great variety of Games.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1890. [153]

5000 ENGLISH CANDLES.

FOR THE ILLUMINATIONS.

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Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
L I M I T E D,
C H E M I S T S.
**A GENTS FOR PARKE, DAVIS & CO'S,
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A non-secret preparation of the now universally used Cascara Sagrada.

In those cases of constipation and indigestion where Cascara is indicated, this cordial can be used with confidence; it is pleasantly flavoured and combined with aromatics that prevent griping and cover the objectionable bitter taste which is the one great objection to the use of this medicine.

Sold in original flasks at \$1.25.

**CONCENTRATED DISTILLED EXTRACT
WITCH HAZEL.**

This preparation, sold under various fancy names, has gained the position of a household remedy for wounds, bruises, inflammation, &c.

In the treatment of piles it often alone suffices to effect a cure, but its most important use will be in the treatment of traumatic injuries, including sprains, bruises, excoriations, cuts, burns, contused and lacerated wounds, as well as corns, bunions, chapped lips, fissured nipples, ulcers, the bites or stings of insects, &c.

P. D. & Co.'s preparation is equal to any of the brands sold under proprietary names and is about one third the price.

In pint bottles at cents 75.



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MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED
WATERS.

OUR AERATED WATER MANUFACTORY
is replete with the best Machinery, embodying
all the latest improvements in the trade.

The greatest attention has been paid to appliances for ensuring purity in the Water-supply, to secure which we have added a Condenser capable of supplying us with 3,000 gallons of distilled water a day, and are now in a position to compete in quality with the best English Makers. Our Sweet Water cannot be surpassed anywhere.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

LARGE BOMBAY "SODAS"

We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, free of Extra Charge, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

C O A S T P O R T O R D E R S.
whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good order.

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Our Registered Telegraphic Address is,
"DISPENSARY, HONG KONG,"
And all signed messages addressed thus
will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always
kept ready in Stock—

PURE AERATED WATERS

SODA WATER

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LITHIA WATER

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No Credit given for bottles that look dirty, or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of Containing Aerated Water, as such bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
Hongkong, China, and Manila.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1890.

BIGOTRY is still a weed of rank growth in this colony, and its chief advocate and apostle is Mr. JNO. J. FRANCIS, Q.C. This energetic gentleman's latest public exhibition in defence of what he calls "scruples of conscience," but what we term bare-faced humbug, is contained in a letter he wrote to this journal on the 22nd inst., criticising an article published in our columns and attempting to vindicate the short-sighted and narrow-minded action of Mr. Administrator FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G., in virtually setting aside on account of alleged personal religious scruples or scruples the Masonic ceremonial that had been arranged, with the full approval of Governor DES VŒUX, in connection with laying the foundation stone of the Praya Reclamation during the visit of the Duke of CONNAUGHT. Mr. FRANCIS, with that irresistible style of argument which is all his own, commences his letter by "fearing" that in our attack on the Administrator we had gone a little beyond the facts, and yet a few lines farther down he frankly admits that "I cannot, of course, say what H. E. the Administrator said or did in the matter, as I have had no communication with him before or since." In the face of this naive admission, we think it would have been just as well if the learned Queen's Counsel had confined himself to what he knew, and not to what he merely believed without any foundation whatever, before impugning the accuracy of our statements; however, we will let it pass, as this is a special characteristic of Mr. FRANCIS for which, under all circumstances, it would perhaps be unfair to hold him responsible.

On his own confession, it was Mr. JNO. J.

FRANCIS who first raised the objections, and pressed them home, against any Masonic manifestations being associated with the proposed ceremonial, on the ground that

they "would be objectionable to the Roman Catholic portion of the community, and that it was not in accordance with the fitness of things that the inauguration of a great public work should be accompanied by a ceremonial to which any section of the public had conscientious objections." Now, this may be an excellent assortment of frothy words, and to the superficial observer doubtless reads well; but on being analysed, what is it? In plain English, combination of pompous twaddle, pretentious impudence, and inexcusable ignorance. Let us prove our assertions.

What status had Mr. FRANCIS to make this objection and press it home? He is, we understand, a member of the Reception Committee that has been ignored and ridiculed by the great body of the community—a Committee appointed in hole-and-corner fashion by the local Government without in any way consulting the wishes or feelings of the Hongkong public. What public interests, general or special, does the learned Q.C. represent? Does he hold a brief from Bishop RAMONDI, or from any important section of the Roman Catholic community? If so, we shall be glad to know it, and at the same time he may as well tell us what his or their interests in the Praya Reclamation scheme are. Who are the Roman Catholic objectors and what are their objections to witnessing, like other sections of the public, the Masonic procession and ceremonial against which, according to Mr. FRANCIS, they have scruples of conscience? And what does the learned counsel mean when he talks of "the inauguration of a great public work"? The Praya Reclamation is a public work in one sense, but certainly, not in the light indicated by Mr. FRANCIS. It is a work to be carried out by private members of the community at their own expense and risk, and merely under Government supervision. How many Roman Catholics have actual rights of any description whatsoever in the Praya Reclamation? We know of one only; if there are any others, we should like to be favored with their names! But we are not likely to be, and therefore do not hesitate to say that Mr. FRANCIS' objections are as frivolous as his advocacy of an imaginary grievance is feeble and contemptible.

Does any sensible person in Hongkong believe that, outside the inner circle of the priesthood, there are a dozen Roman Catholics in the colony opposed to the Masonic arrangements which have been overthrown by the Administrator's pitiable pusillanimity? We don't. But even assuming that a powerful section of Roman Catholics had authorised Mr. FRANCIS to raise the objections he has made with such spirit and decency, we should still want, before considering their outraged consciences, a great deal more information than has yet been vouchsafed by the bellicose barrister. The supposition or presumption indicated by Mr. FRANCIS that there is anything of a religious character in the proposed Masonic ceremonial, or anything in the slightest degree calculated to offend the prejudices or ruffle the consciences of even the most bigoted apostle of papal infallibility, is sheer idiocy. His Excellency the Administrator and Mr. JNO. J. FRANCIS, Q.C., object to taking part in an innocent pageant with their own countrymen and co-religionists, but they have no objection to actively participating in religious processions, theatrical performances, gorgeous banquets, and other festivities with so-called Pagan Chinese. Is it farcical this straining at a gnat and greedily swallowing a camel?

Mr. FRANCIS for once is absolutely truthful when he says it is a sad thing that there should be Catholics in Hongkong so stupid as to have what he calls conscientious objections to Free-masonry; but we can tell him that the total number of these Catholics is so insignificant as to be scarcely worth consideration. There are any number of believers in the Pope of Rome in the ranks of our Freemasons, who are not one whit the worse Catholics because they join hands with members of other creeds in carrying out the noblest work on God's earth, CHARYBIS, to all suffering humanity. At our Masonic balls the wives and daughters of Roman Catholics, themselves obedient children to Mother Church, are only too happy to join in the social revels and ceremonials of the excommunicated Freemasons, and we hear nothing about contamination, or outraged consciences, or religious scruples. Doubtless all such *lapses* are conveniently arranged at that degrading sham known as the Confessional!

Mr. FRANCIS' attempt at sarcasm may be compared to a man struggling to smash a mosquito with a sledge-hammer; they are at once clumsy and innocuous. Moreover, at the present moment they are exceedingly ill-timed, and might even lead to disastrous consequences. Unfortunately for the learned Q.C.'s argument, the "live and let live" principle he so obtrusively refers to is usually a very one-sided

arrangement on the part of the section of Catholics to which he belongs; they are willing to live, but they are not advocates of any other people of a different faith being allowed to exist. That is an exact description of the action taken by Mr. FRANCIS, doubtless at the instigation of the priestly keeper of his conscience, in grossly insulting the Masonic fraternity of Hongkong by his officious, meddlesome, and uncalled-for interference in a matter in which he had no legitimate concern. And in his defence of the Administrator, whose deplorable weakness, for his own sake, we infinitely regret, the learned counsel does not even stop at misrepresentation. He says that Mr. FLEMING has only acted in accordance with precedent, as somebody has told him that on the occasion of the Prince of WALES' visit to Bombay, "out of deference to Catholic feelings," some grand Masonic rite was forbidden by H. M.'s Government under circumstances similar to the present. What is the actual truth? Why, when in 1875 the Prince of WALES took the leading part in a magnificent ceremonial in connection with what is now known as "The Prince's Dock," at the special desire of His Royal Highness it was carried out with full Masonic rites, and Catholic feeling, it is thus, existed, was very properly ignored. And so it ought to have been for a critic—says the mark—who knows as much about high-class music as our office goat, in a prominent position amongst local mezzo-sopranos!

This musical critic (?) of our morning contemporary has made a most astonishing discovery—in his criticism (?) of the amateur concert held in the St. Andrews Hall the other evening—said criticism being a column of the most sickening and meaningless twaddle we have come across for many a long day—this guileless youth tells us that "a vocal solo by Mrs. Guedes was rendered in a manner which placed her in a prominent position among (sic) mezzo-sopranos." The vocal solo was Rossini's famous cavatina "Una voce poco fa," sung by Rosina in "Il Barbiere," and Sembra Maria Guedes for the past fifteen years has stood alone amongst amateurs in this colony, both as an artiste and vocalist, as an exponent of Italian operatic music. It must be flattering to this accomplished lady to find herself placed after all these years, by a critic—says the mark—who knows as much about high-class music as our office goat, in a prominent position amongst local mezzo-sopranos!

In answer to several inquiries recently received we may state that the difference between a fair bet and a "welshing" transaction was pretty clearly defined by the Court of Queen's Bench last Summer. The decision was practically that while money due for a bet is not recoverable at law, a man who deliberately "welshes" another out of his money is guilty of fraud. Lord Coleridge and Mr. Justice Day laid it down that to obtain money by means of a trick, even if it were connected with a betting transaction, was larceny pure and simple, and we really cannot see how any other sensible decision could have been arrived at. It is exactly the same betting on the race-course as in gambling transactions in the share market. A genuine and honest bet or speculation in shares is one thing, but a bogus bet or one-sided plunge in shares is quite another. A genuine wager on a race or on differences in shares is not a contract that the law will enforce; but "welshing"—that is a bogus bet—the law regards as a crime, and punishes accordingly.

"RANDY."

The electors of Paddington have denounced Lord Randolph Churchill's action regarding the Panel Commission.

GERMANY.

It is stated positively that Prince Bismarck has resigned all offices.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is announced that the entire French cavalry will be armed with new helmet. It is made of copper, with a cockade, worn for the first time by the French soldier, upon the top.

An Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 or 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

LADY PAUNCEFOTE, wife of the British Minister at Washington, is stated to have been greatly astonished at the effect of a notice that she should be at home on Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6. Nearly fourteen hundred people called and insisted on shaking hands.

An electrical instrument has been designed by which a permanent record can be automatically, continuously, and correctly kept of the course travelled by a ship. It works from the compass, and shows how steadily the ship has been kept to her course by the man at the wheel.

The ruling spirits of the Receptionists have swept away the oil-cloth imitations of decorative skill which festooned Queen's Road on Tuesday. If they would also exercise their despotic power over a few of the worm-eaten "trumpery arches" which the Chinese have run up in various localities we might recommend a peccage for the effect that it was an infringement of their rights and privileges—in short, a wicked scheme for robbing the hungry vulture of his "pickings." Then a deputation waited upon the offending auctioneer (or sent him a memorial) explaining that stockbrokers, like custom-house agents, must be allowed to bleed the public for doing something which the public would gladly do for themselves if they had the chance.

Mr. PATTERSON has been re-appointed to the post of manager of the Melbourne Stock Exchange.

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THE increased immoral suggestiveness of the partially-concealed over the nude-exposed was once exemplified at the unctuously pious Barnum's Olympia show in London, where a lady-acrobat equipped in the ordinary feminine attire somersaulted from the shoulders of one male companion to another "with great neatness, revealing little of her lower extremities." We read that the Prince of Wales watched her very intently.

THE Daily Press says editorially that, in the discussion in the Legislative Council on Wednesday between Mr. A. P. MacEwen and the Colonial Treasurer on the question of individual taxation here and in England, the unofficial member for the Chamber of Commerce had much the worst of the argument. On contemporary was always a toady and lickspittle to Mr. Alfred Lister, which probably accounts for this latest exhibition of nonsensical drivell.

THE fall extent of the stagnation in local shares and stocks does not appear to be fully recognised, in spite of the very forcible remarks on the subject made in the Legislative Council on Wednesday last by the Hon. A. P. MacEwen, and the Colonial Treasurer on the question of individual taxation here and in England, the unofficial member for the Chamber of Commerce had much the worst of the argument. On contemporary was always a toady and lickspittle to Mr. Alfred Lister, which probably accounts for this latest exhibition of nonsensical drivell.

A STRANGE and mysterious tragedy was discovered by the police this morning. About six o'clock some water-police noticed a body floating in from the Ly-e-mun Pass, and on lifting it out of the water found it to be that of a Chinaman about forty years of age. His head had been horribly chopped, but he had evidently not been many hours in the water. The peculiarity of the case, however, lay in the fact that a small piece of wood was tied to the end of his queue, on which was written in Chinese characters.

The English of this is "See you eat you eat you."

The man's nickname, "derik head" (a slang term for informer). It is surmised that the deceased was a Chinaman informer, who had fallen a victim to his enemies' vengeance. The police are investigating the matter.

In another column we publish the programme of the Easter *swapping* of the Rifle Association.

We are requested to correct a mis-statement in our paragraph in a recent issue with respect to the officers of the Canadian Pacific Company's steamship *Batavia*. The increase of wages was asked for and given, the officers informed us, without trouble of any kind, and simply through the ready recognition by the Marine Superintendent of their good services, and subject, of course, to the owners' approval.

OUR latest Australian advices inform us that poor old Ike Austin—who ran a shooting saloon in the Hongkong Hotel, bowling alley with distinguished success for several months, about eight years ago—had lately opened classes in Sydney "to instruct ladies and gents in the art of using firearms." It is interesting to note that the "revolver is a specialty." Ike was a curiosity in his way, but he could shoot. He left here for the Colonies with Letherland Cunard, who at one time was partner with Keller, the best man at legerdemain Hongkong has ever seen.

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IN answer to several correspondents we have to state that the amateur concert given on Wednesday in aid of the Alice Memorial Hospital was not dealt with in our columns for the simple reason that the customary invitation was not sent to this office. When the press is not officially invited to an amateur performance it is understood that the performers are desirous of not being publicly criticised, and as a matter of courtesy we have invariably adhered to that rule. In this particular instance, however, notices of the concert have appeared in both our contemporaries, so that we can only conclude either that some of the talented vocalists preferred soft soap to intelligent criticism, or that the person who managed this part of the business has yet a great deal to learn both as regards courtesy, and common sense. A competent musician who was present informs us that with the exception of two or three items, the concert was feeble beyond description, so that it is perhaps just as well that we were not there.

"MR. EDWARD TYRKEL SMITH, with whom I had business relations for some three or four years," writes Mr. Mapleton in his "Memories," "was an extraordinary personage whose like could be met with only in our own time and in such capitals as London or Paris, where the population in general has certainly not the faintest idea how some small part of that population lives. Mr. E. T. Smith had made up his mind early in life to be the possessor, or at least the master, of considerable sums of money; and he at one time found it worth his while, so as never to be without funds, to hire daily, at the rate of one pound a day, a thousand-pound note, which was obligingly intrusted to him by a money-lender of the period, one Sam Genes. There are not many persons to whom such a loan would be worth the thirty-six-and-a-half per cent. interest which Mr. E. T. Smith paid for it. He was an adept, however, at all kinds of business, and his thousand-pound note enabled him to make purchases on credit which without deposit-money he would have been unable to effect. Attending sales, he would buy whatever happened to suit him, with a view to immediate re-sale, offering his thousand-pound note as a deposit, to discover as a matter of course that it could not be changed, and have the article for which he had bid marked down to him all the same. Then he would re-sell it and pocket the difference." Unless we greatly err there are certain share gamblers in this colony who have played an almost similar game to this with more or less success—some have come to financial grief, some have made money, and some who are not in gaol ought to be there.

EDWARD BRIGGS, third mate on the *Fusilli Maru*, said:—"On the night of the 10th there was not much coal in No. 3 hold. It was then possible for the girls to have come on board. We left Nagasaki on the 21st, for Hongkong. The first idea we had that these people were on board was after our arrival in Hongkong, on the 20th, when we began to discharge cargo. I was informed that there was an engine room in the engine-room. We put it down to dead rats, and looked everywhere, but we couldn't find any. Then the chief engineer decided to open the man-hole leading from the engine-room to the bulkhead. After a lot of trouble the cover was taken off, and some legs were seen sticking out. That was reported to me about 9 p.m. on the 26th. By that time the coal under No. 3 hatch had been sufficiently removed to give access to the bulkhead, and the four women and eight bodies were found. The women had to be assisted out, on account of the absence of ventilation, owing to it being surrounded by coal and rendered absolutely air-tight, except for the slight leakage through the cargo. I have not seen the survivors. Death was the result of suffocation.

DR. JORDAN said:—"I have examined the

the women who were in the hole with me. I did not even know the man's name. Only knew him by sight. He used to come to our house occasionally. After being in the hole some time I asked the man to let me out, but received no answer. I don't know the previous witness. I had never seen her before.

Matsuohama, another of the survivors, stated: —I am 18 years of age. I had not been previously acquainted with the man who persuaded me to come on the steamer. I knew him by sight and he sometimes came to our house. He advised me to come to Hongkong as it was a much better place than home. He told me to dress as a coal-woman and he would arrange matters. I did as he told me and worked all day as a coal-woman, and when the other cooler left I remained and was put into the hole by the man. No one else but he suggested that I should enter it. I found 5 or 6 people there, and it was very dark.

Another witness Kamikusama aged 20 said: —I belong to Nagasaki and was in service there. The deceased man used to come to our house and one day asked me to go out with him. He then spoke to me about coming to Hongkong. I went on board as a boat-woman, and after work the man came and took me to a small hole. It was still daylight and when I got in he shut the door directly. I found some people inside but did not know any of them nor their names. The deceased man was on board all the day, but was below, so I cannot say what he was doing. When shewing me into the hole he told me the door would afterwards be opened. The inquiry then closed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

To the EDITOR of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

DEAR SIR.—I shall be obliged if you will kindly acknowledge the following additional subscriptions and donations received by me for the Funds of the Alice Memorial Hospital:—

Messrs. Danby, Leigh and Orange..... \$25
Messrs. S. J. David & Co..... 50
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R. Martin, Esq..... 5
R. Lyall, Esq..... 5

Yours faithfully,

E. W. MAITLAND,

Hon. Treasurer,

Alice Memorial Hospital—

Hongkong, 28th March, 1890.

To-day's Advertisements.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE OF HONGKONG.

No. 618, S.C.

A N EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 28th instant, at 8:30 for 9 o'CLOCK precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1890.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

MILITARY OPERATIONS will take place in Lyuenmun Pass on the afternoon of TUESDAY NEXT, the 1st April, between 2:30 P.M. and 5 P.M.

All Junks and vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the Pass during this time.

By Command,

W. M. DEANE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 28th March, 1890.

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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

PROGRAMME OF EIGHTH PRIZE MEETING.

TO BE HELD AT KOWLOON ON FRIDAY April 4th, SATURDAY 5th, and MONDAY 7th, 1890.

(PRESIDENT).

G. E. Noble, Esq.,

COMMITTEE:

E. L. Woodin, Esq. (Chairman).

John Andrew, Esq.

W. D. Braudwood, Esq.

Col. Verner Chater, 1st A. & S. Highlanders.

Major Dempster.

C. Ford, Esq.

A. Shelton Hooper, Esq.

Lieutenant Martin, R.N.

Capt. Robinson, 1st A. & S. Highlanders.

E. Robinson, Esq.

Commander Rumsey, R.N.

H. E. Wodehouse, Esq. C.M.G.

HON. SEC. & TREASURER:

C. Vivian Ladds, Esq.

1st.—All Comers.—Distance 200 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Unlimited entries 20 cents each. Ten prizes, value \$47, presented by the Association.

2nd.—Association.—Distance 200 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Unlimited entries, 30 cents each. Five prizes, value \$10, presented by the Association.

3rd.—Members of Council.—Past and Present Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils of Hongkong. Distance 200 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. No entrance fee. To be shot at the Old Military Range on Saturday afternoon.

1st Prize, presented by E. Mackintosh, Esq.

2nd.—Queen's 1st Stage.—Distance 200 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Entrance fee 10 cents. Two prizes, value \$12, presented by the Association.

Position—Standing or Kneeling.

3rd.—All Comers.—Distance 200 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. Unlimited entries, 20 cents each. Ten prizes, value \$47, presented by the Association.

4th.—Ladies.—Open to Lady Members or their Nominees. Distance 200 yards. No. of Shots—Seven. No entrance fee. Position Standing or Kneeling.

1st Prize, presented by D. Newgate, Esq.

2nd.—Colonel Verner Chater.

3rd.—Capt. Rumsey, R.N.

4th.—C. Ford, Esq.

5th.—A. Shelton Hooper, Esq.

6th.—Lock Hing.

7th.—Wang Hing.

8th.—E. Robinson, Esq.

9th.—G. Stewart, Esq.

10th.—E. L. Woodin, Esq.

To-day's Advertisements.

Intimations.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1890

To-day's Advertisements.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, on the occasion of the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on MONDAY, the 31st March, 1890.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA,

C. F. ROWBAND,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

WADE GARDNER,
pro Chief Manager,

For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED,

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS,

L. GLENAT,
Acting Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1890

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Apply to G. C. ANDERSON,

13, Praya Central,

Hongkong, 28th March, 1890.

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Intimations

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The KWON KWAN YEN CHALENGE CUPS, value \$200 and \$100 respectively. Also two Consolation Cups value \$100 each.

The Stage and of the Seventh Competition will take place TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at 2:15 P.M. commencing at 300 yards. Entrance Fee 30 cents.

A Launch will leave the P. & O. Wharf at 2 O'CLOCK, to take over intending Competitors.

CHAS. V. LADDS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1890

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NOTICE.

CRUICKSHANK AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

The SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on THURSDAY, the 3rd April, at 3:30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Account for the year ending 28th February, 1890.

Wm. CRUICKSHANK,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1890.

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A. G. GORDON & CO., LIMITED.

ENGINEERS, LAUNCH BUILDERS, GENERAL and GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS, IRONMONGERS, COMMISSION AGENTS, VALUATORS, IRON and TIMBER MERCHANTS.

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OFFICE:

9, Praya Central.

STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED,

Hongkong, 1st May, 1890

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NOTICE.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this HARBOUR none of the COMPANY'S FOREMEN should be at hand, ORDERS FOR REPAIRS, if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the event of complaints being found necessary, communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1885.

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NOW READY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

PEKING.

Captain F. Schulz, will be despatched for the above Port, TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at 11 A.M., instead of as previously despatched.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1890.

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THE HONGKONG MARINA, LIMITED.

SHEREHOLDERS are hereby informed that the Half Yearly MEETING of this Company convened for Noon To-morrow is POSTPONED until further notice.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. A. BARRETTO,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1890.

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PRICE THREE DOLLARS.

Orders for Copies of THE "HONGKONG DIRECTORY" may be sent to the following Agents:

HONGKONG.—Mr. W. Brewer.

... Messrs. F. Blackhead & Co.

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... The Hongkong Trading Co., Ltd.

... Mr. Yü Tong, Hollywood Road.

CANTON.—Mr. M. F. da Silva.

MACAO.—Mr. A. A. de Melo & Co.

Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—100 per cent premium, sellers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$100 per share, sellers.

China Trade Insurance Company—\$70 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 355 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$125 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 95 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$360 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$84 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$55 per cent, premium, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co. \$32 per share, sellers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—105 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$185 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$60.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—25 per cent dis., buyers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$60 per share, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$213 per share, sellers.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$76 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$102 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$8 per share.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$21 per share, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—24 per cent premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1885 E—11 per cent premium.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$100 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share.

Punjon and Sunghle Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$14 per share, buyers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$12 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$88 per share, sellers.

Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$400 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—40 per cent prem., sellers.

The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$22 per share, sellers.

The Songel Koyan Planting Co., Ltd.—\$22 per share, buyers.

Cruckshank & Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, nom.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—par, nominal.

The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, sellers.

The Green Island Cement Co. (Old Issue)—\$43 per share, nominal.

The Green Island Cement Co. (New Issue)—\$3 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$60 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Ltd.—\$8 per share, nominal.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$25 per share, buyers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, buyers.

The Peale Hotel and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$20 per share, sellers.

The Laiuk Planting Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, nominal.

The Jieku Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$5 per share, buyers.

The Sulina Tin Mining Co., Ltd.—\$3 per share, sellers.

The Shameed Hotel Co., Ltd.—\$5 per share, nominal.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$16 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Marina, Limited—par, premium, nominal.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank T. T.

Bank Bills, on demand

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Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight

Credit, at 4 months' sight

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PARIS—

Bank Bills, on demand

Credit, at 4 months' sight

ON INDIA, T. T.

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ON SHANGHAI—

Bank T. T.

Private, 30 days' sight

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

PEKING, German steamer, 994, F. Schultz, 28th March.—Whampoa 28th March, General—Siemens & Co.

DANIEL T. JENNEY, American ship, 1,620, Rodick, 25th March.—New York 4th Nov., Petroleum—Order.

GLENGARRY, British steamer, 1,956, Webster, 28th March.—Singapore 21st March, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DAPHNE, German steamer, 1,530, T. Voss, 28th March.—Singapore 22nd March, General—Siemens & Co.

WANDERER, British sloop, 935 tons, 550 horsepower, 4 guns, Commander Geo. A. Gifford, Shanghai 22nd March.

STENTOR, British steamer, 1,266, S. Milligan, 28th March.—Shanghai 23rd March, General—Butterfield & Swire.

YANGTSE, French steamer, 1,913, Lormier, 28th March.—Marseille 23rd Feb., and Saigon 25th March.—Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Hsiu-shang, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai, & Nanking, German steamer, for Chefoo, &c.

Apennine, British steamer, for Hoikow.

Kong Bang, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

Thibet, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

DEPARTURES.

March 28, Moray, British steamer, for Saigon.

March 28, Stora Nordiske, Danish steamer, for a cruise.

March 28, Hsiu-shang, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai, &c.

March 28, Thibet, British str., for Singapore, &c.

March 28, Don Juan, Spanish str., for Manila.

PASSINGBOATS ARRIVED.

Per Daphne, str. from Singapore.—Mr. A. Mueller, and 112 Chinese.

Commercial.

Per Glengarry, str. from Singapore.—Messrs. Jupp, Cooper, and 8 Chinese.

Per Stentor, str. from Shanghai.—Mrs. Baxendale and family, and 35 Chinese.

Per Yangtse, str. from Marselles, for Hongkong.—Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Cardoso and 2 children, Messrs. H. W. Slade, Arnold, R. Cabral, Lin Fan, Tcheng Tchang Sing, E. Girault, and X. Alberes. From Colombo, Sir Arthur and Lady Haytor and 2 servants. From Singapore.—Messrs. A. Barclay Walker, J. R. Smith, A. Schoof, F. Fioravanti, and 16 Chinese. From Saigon.—Rev. Edward, Mr. Chong Soi Hin, and 85 Chinese. From Marselles for Shanghai.—Viscount and Viscountess E. F. Elton, aman, and 4 servants. Dr. Hung, Messrs. Mondini, E. Trubuloff, H. Jaeger, S. Maloff, J. Krassinski, S. Chlebnikoff, and G. Boell. From Saigon.—Mrs. Sophie Combes. From Marselles for Yokohama.—Mr. and Mrs. Maeda, S.A.A. Le Prince and Princess Arisugawa, Mr. and Mrs. Koghi, Miss Goto, Messrs. Sosaya, Ch. Higuchi, Saitow, Kato, Goshu, and Koninch. From Saigon.—Mr. H. W. Sale. From Singapore.—Mr. R. Shimizu.

DEPARTED.

Per Hsiu-shang, str. for Shanghai, &c.—European and 60 Chinese.

Per Nierstein, str., for Chefoo, &c.—12 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The German steamship *Daphne* reports that she left Singapore on the 22nd instant. Had fine weather.

The British steamship *Glengarry* reports that she left Singapore on the 21st instant. Had moderate to light winds and fine clear weather during the first part of the passage. Hazy weather the latter part.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Hoikow and Singapore.—Per Apennine to-morrow, the 29th instant, at 10:30 A.M.

For Saigon.—Per Euphrates to-morrow, the 28th instant.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ANCONA, British steamer, 1,888, W. D. Mudie, 24th March.—Yokohama 16th March, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

APENRADE, German steamer, 1,476, F. Hohmann, 23rd March.—Vancouver, and Yokohama 10th March, General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

BENGAL, British steamer, 1,158, Farquhar, 23rd March.—Saigon 22nd March, Rice—Gibb Livingston & Co.

ASAGAO, Japanese steamer, 1,521, H. Selsky, 27th March.—Nagasaki 22nd March, Coals—Mitsui Bishi Colliery.

BATAVIA, British steamer, 2,553, Williamson, 22nd March.—Vancouver, and Yokohama 10th March, General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

BENGAL, British steamer, 1,158, Farquhar, 23rd March.—Saigon 22nd March, Rice—Gibb Livingston & Co.

CHI-YUEN, Chinese steamer, 1,211, C. R. Null, 26th March.—Penang 14th March, and Singapore 19th, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

CICERO, British steamer, 1,030, A. George, 27th March.—Saigon 22nd March, Rice and Paddy.—Woo Kee & Co.

CHINTUNG, British steamer, 1,459, A. Hunt, 21st March.—Shanghai 16th March, and Swatow 20th, General—Butterfield & Swire.

CHI-YUEN, Chinese steamer, 1,211, C. R. Null, 26th March.—Penang 14th March, and Singapore 19th, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

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FORMOSA, British steamer, 674, T. Hall, 23rd March.—Tamsui, via Amoy and Swatow 22nd March, General—D. Laprair & Co.

FUSHIKI, Japanese steamer, 1,119, P. J. C. Franck, 25th March.—Nagasaki 21st March, Coals—Mitsui Bishi Colliery.

GALIC, British steamer, 2,553, Williamson, 22nd March.—Vancouver, and Yokohama 10th March, General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

FALKENBURG, German steamer, 989, J. Bartels, 26th March.—Saigon 21st March, Rice—Melchers & Co.

FAME, British steamer, 117, W. W. Allan, 27th March.—Hongkong Government tender.

FORMOSA, British steamer, 674, T. Hall, 23rd March.—Tamsui, via Amoy and Swatow 22nd March, General—D. Laprair & Co.

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HONGKONG, British steamer, 1,030, A. George, 27th March.—Saigon 22nd March, Rice and Paddy.—Woo Kee & Co.

HOPE, British steamer, 1,030, A. George, 27th March.—Saigon 22nd March, Rice and Paddy.—Woo Kee & Co.

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